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TITLE: ELECTRODE FOR A PLASMA ARC TORCH HAVING AN  
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**PAYMENT OF DEFICIENCY UNDER 37 CFR § 1.28(c) AND**  
**NOTIFICATION REGARDING CHANGE IN STATUS**

Sir:

This is a notification of a change in status filed pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.28(c). Small entity status is no longer claimed.

The issue fee for U.S. Patent No. 6,130,399 timely paid but to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, but at the small entity amount of \$605. The patent owner hereby provides notice under 37 CFR § 1.28(c) that the issue fee described above for U.S. Patent No. 6,130,399 was improperly paid as a small entity where small entity status had been properly established but is no longer appropriate, and requests that this matter be treated under 37 CFR § 1.28(c).

Accordingly, pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.28(c)(2), the Commissioner is hereby authorized to deduct the deficiency owed for this previous fee erroneously paid as a small entity from Deposit Account 50-3081. A Fee Transmittal Form and copy of the Fee Transmittal Form is included with the present mailing. By payment of this deficiency, notification is provided of loss of entitlement to small entity status under 37 CFR § 1.27(g)(2), pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.28(d).

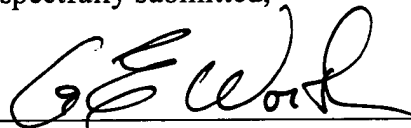
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The undersigned believes the amount presently owed for the issue fee deficiency is \$795 (\$1,400-605). The Commissioner is hereby authorized to deduct this fee (totaling \$795) from Deposit Account No. 50-3081. The undersigned believes no additional fees are due upon submission of this paper. However, if any additional fees are due (i.e., more than \$795), the Commissioner is hereby authorized to deduct them from Deposit Account No. 50-3081.

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